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King Of Greece Dead

Athens, Apr. 1.
King George II of the Hellenes died at 2.30 p.m. today from syncope. His brother, Prince Paul, was proclaimed King later in the afternoon.

King George was 56 and returned to his throne last September, as the result of a plebiscite, after five and a half years abroad—the second time he had regained his crown after exile.

The King, a great-grandson of Queen Victoria, first succeeded to the throne of Greece in 1922 after the abdication of his father, King Constantine.

In 1917 he had been passed over in favour of his younger brother because he had served in the Prussian Guard and as such was not "acceptable." He then left Greece.

For 12 months after assuming the throne in 1922 he reigned uneasily and after the successful Right-wing rising by General Metaxas in 1924 he went into exile.

He married, in 1921, Princess Elizabeth of Rumania but the marriage was dissolved in 1935. Most of his exile he spent in Britain. He returned to the throne in November, 1935 after the Greek people had voted in favour of a monarchy.

Six years later he was again forced to leave when the Germans invaded his country. He escaped to Crete before the Germans reached Athens and from Crete managed to reach Egypt after three days' tramp through mountains, hunted by German paratroopers, and sleeping in caves and shepherd's huts.

Later, he again came to Britain. In September 1946, the Greek people again voted in favour of a monarchy, this time by a 69 per cent majority, and on Sept. 28 he again set foot in Greece.

King George's death brought a new angle to the question of United States aid to Greece, now being debated in Washington.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Tito Pulls A Good One

Belgrade, Mar. 31.
Marshal Tito told the Yugoslav Parliament today that as a result of American intervention "Greece has become a base for imperialist plans" which might threaten world peace.

The world, he said, was divided into two blocs—the new democratic countries in Eastern Europe and the democratic masses in Great Britain and the United States and other countries who desired peace on the one hand, and a small but powerful imperialist clique on the other.

Tito criticised the United States and British attitude towards Yugoslavia.

"They accuse us of being a satellite of the USSR, whereas we actually go along with the Soviet Union because it is the only country that does not threaten our independence," he said.—Reuter.

Madagascar Uprising

Paris, April 1.
French reinforcements sent by plane to Madagascar are bringing the widespread native uprisings under control.

Mass arrests of natives during the night checked several budding revolts. The French army depot at Diego Suarez was overwhelmed last night by natives who seized machine-guns, revolvers and ammunition.

A representative of the Ministry of Colonies left Paris today by air for Tananarive to start an official investigation.

A spokesman of the Ministry said that the latest reports indicated the French troops were bringing the revolt under control. "The rebellion would have been very serious if it had been allowed to go unchecked," he said.—Reuter.

FRANCO PROPOSES MONARCHY FOR SPAIN

Caudillo To Remain As Chief Of State Last Survival Bid Of Dictator?

Madrid, Apr. 1.
Generalissimo Francisco Franco today proposed a law that would reconvert Spain into a "kingdom" which he himself as Chief of State would rule until he dies, becomes incapacitated or chooses to resign, naming his own successor. Franco read the text of the law project in a radio speech.

The project provides that the ruler must be at least 30 years old, a Spanish Catholic and of royal blood—whether his title be Chief of State, King or Regent. Franco fulfills all but the last of these conditions.

If approved by the Cortes, the law will convert Spain into a kingdom under Franco's leadership. His title will be Chief of State, same as now.

The project provides for the creation of a Council of the Realm and a Regency. The Council of the Realm is to be composed of eight men designated to pick the candidate for the post of Chief of State. A three-man regency is to exercise power until the Chief of States assumes power.

Definite Step

The project provides that Franco may designate his own successor at any time he chooses provided he fulfills the above four conditions. Any candidate must receive a two-thirds vote of the Cortes.

The law provides that the Chief of State can sit on the Council of the Realm for the following reasons: (1) to return to the Cortes for further study-legislation they drafted; (2) to declare war or make peace; (3) to propose his successor.

The project marks the most definite step Franco has yet taken toward evolution from the military dictatorship which has existed since the Spanish civil war.—United Press.

Madrid Reaction

Madrid, Apr. 1.
Almost coincident with General Franco's announcement of a new draft law proclaiming Spain a kingdom but without a King, authorised Monarchist sources in Madrid declared that a new Spanish Monarchist group, "anti-Communist and anti-Franco," will be formed shortly.

The title and programme of the new organisation will come later. A leading monarchist said: "This new organisation will recognise and accept Don Juan of Bourbon as the legitimate king of Spain. It also accepts Don Juan's manifesto of 1945."

In this manifesto, which he issued from his residence in Switzerland, Don Juan stated that he would not cooperate with General Franco for re-

stitution of the monarchy, in Spain.—Reuter.

"A Fake"

London, Apr. 1.
Rodolfo Lopez, head of the Spanish Republican Government in exile, who is on a visit to London, today described General Franco's announcement as a "fake" which will deceive no one—not even the Monarchists, who want a king of royal blood. "The people of Spain on the other hand want neither a royal king nor a new monarch. What they want is a republic," he said.—Reuter.

Republican Comment

Paris, Apr. 1.
Spanish Republican circles here interpreted General Franco's decision to propose the creation of a Council of Regency as the last attempt to buttress his regime.

"This move is proof that Franco's regime cannot last much longer," one Spanish Republican spokesman commented. "He is trying to postpone his ruin by a last manoeuvre to try to convince the world that he hopes for political evolution of his regime."

A Spanish monarchist spokesman said: "The measures taken by General Franco are the last bid for survival of his regime. They will not fool any Monarchist because they attack the very principle of monarchy."—Reuter.

Civil War?

Paris, Apr. 1.
Generalissimo Franco is courting a renewed civil war, Sanchez Guerra, Catholic Right Wing Republican leader, told the United Press today.

"This new proclamation of a monarchy precludes any real negotiating with Franco. Republicans and Monarchists alike may be pushed into a civil war with him because of it," he said. The former Republican Minister said that until yesterday "all reasonable Republicans and all reasonable Monarchists were willing to accept the result of a plebiscite. I do not believe the Monarchists consider this any sort of a solution."—United Press.

IN PORTUGAL TOO?

Lisbon, Mar. 31.
A growing Royalist movement in Portugal, apparently developing in concert with the swelling movement to restore a monarchy in neighbouring Spain, has been noted recently in political circles here.

An outward manifestation is the appearance of two Royalist newspapers, an afternoon paper called *Diario Nacional*, which started at the end of last month, and a morning newspaper called *O Dia*, which folded some time ago and is about to come out with new financial backing.

An influential, well-to-do banker, Ricardo Espírito Santo Silva, is reported financing the newspapers, which aim at restoration of the Portuguese monarchy. Carlos Moreira, a former teacher, is managing editor of the *Diario Nacional*.

Aside from publication of the two newspapers, activity of the Portuguese Royalists has increased notably since the appointment, several months ago, of Law Professor Fco. Vital, a personal friend of Premier Oliveira Salazar, as chief assistant to the President. Prince Duarte Nuno de Braganza and, therefore, chief of the Royalist movement, Vital was president of the Corporate Chamber of the Portuguese people are not Royalist-minded. A restoration, therefore, would come about only by a coup d'etat or by imposition of the ruling party should it become necessary as a final effort to retain power in the face of a resurgent Left movement. Since the Left Wing parties are in no mood to compromise with the Right, a monarchy might one day be the logical solution to a political impasse.

The Portuguese Pretender, Prince Duarte, is living at his Swiss chateau. The Spanish Pretender, Don Juan de Bourbon, living at Estoril near Lisbon, is granted the greatest freedom by the Portuguese authorities and conducts his own Royalist movement.—United Press.



Sir Alexander Grantham, K.C.M.G., who succeeds Sir Mark Young as Governor of Hong Kong on the latter's retirement next month.

BOOZE BACK ON TROOPERS

London, Mar. 31.
British Army troops will be allowed to drink "wet" from tomorrow (Tuesday).

The resumption of sale of beer, spirits and wines after over four years of "dry" regime will take effect on all voyages from Britain after tomorrow.—Reuter.

Taiwanese Governor To Go

Nanking, Mar. 31.
A reliable source told the United Press today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has approved the resignation of Governor Chen Yi of Taiwan.

The source said Chen's resignation was submitted at Chiang's request and the delay in removing him was caused by the intricacies of Chinese politics and Government prestige.

A Taiwanese source said the removal of Chen would not help much unless his subordinates were also ousted, as he extended terroristic methods by sending secret service agents to Shanghai to silence the Taiwan delegates with threats.—United Press.

THE WEATHER

Information sparse. A moderate anti-cyclone over W. China is extending S and SE. A complex of depressions over the Sea of Japan and the Kuroshio and Yellow Seas is moving ENE. Pressure tonight high to the E and SE of Japan. Gradients over the southern regions are slight. Today's forecast: Moderate variable or northerly winds; partly cloudy or fine with occasional mist; rather cooler. Yesterday's weather: Maximum 72.2 deg. Fah. Minimum 61.2 deg. Fah. Sunshine Nil. Rainfall: 4.5 mm. equals 1.8 inch. Total since Jan. 1—140.6 mm. as against an average of 165.8 mm. Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. 10 p.m. 10.11.12 m.b. Bar. at sea level 29.98 29.99 29.98 29.98. Bar. humidity 75 75 75 75. Dew Point 59 58 58 58. Wind Direction ENE ESE. Wind Force 10 10 10 10.

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Duty-Paid Labels

I. AND E. CHIEF'S WARNING

"No importer or dealer should be in possession of spare duty-paid labels and I will most definitely take severe action against any who might be found to have a stock of such in hand," Mr. Eric Himsforth, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department, told the "China Mail" yesterday in connection with Government's decision to abolish the former practice of labelling toilet preparations and proprietary medicines.

Continuing, Mr. Himsforth stated that duty-paid labels were formerly sold to licensed importers and dealers as a special privilege and obligation to the Government. Not only that, but I shall communicate with his manufacturers, whether they be in France, Britain or the United States, and tell them that their agents' licence had been cancelled for good.

"It will definitely not pay them to try and fancy tricks with my department. I am wise to their various methods."

Questioned as to the new procedure, Mr. Himsforth emphasised that all applications must be accompanied by the covering invoice and must state the retail price. "And," he added, "it is absolutely no use to tell me that the invoice had been lost during transit unless the applicant is prepared to name a sensible retail price. I had a man here a couple of days ago with a bottle of perfume which he declared was worth \$2.50.

Reasonable Price

"I told him to re-calculate his retail price and he came back on the following day with the value changed to \$5. But any experienced importer could easily tell me that the perfume could easily be retailed at \$2.50 per bottle. The result was that I told the man to wait for the arrival of a duplicate of the invoice which he declared was lost in an airplane crash."

"If the importer refuses to play ball with me I shall be forced to reciprocate, and he will definitely be the sufferer in the long run. I do not care a hoot if his goods remain in the godown for six months or a year. If he tries to evade payment of full duty by undervaluation, then he must be prepared to pay godown charges for his goods for, failing production of the covering invoice, I shall most emphatically insist on a reasonable retail price being declared."

Spring In His Blood?

Hollywood, Apr. 1.
Two citizens of New York City's Bronx—a big red and white bus and its driver William Cimillo—are in custody here with the latter trying to explain how they wandered 1,600 miles off their route.

Both were taken into custody after Cimillo telegraphed a puzzled Bronx transportation system for money to return home.

Cimillo told the police maybe it was Spring which brought the sudden impulse to "leave town and get away from it all" after faithfully driving the bus through Bronx streets for 16 years.

The only passenger picked was a sailor near Washington, D.C., who evinced no curiosity about the bus or driver.—United Press.

POPE'S ILLNESS

Vatican City, Mar. 31.
The Pope, who has been gone to Castel Gandolfo, near Rome, to rest there during Easter week, is to remain in the Vatican on doctor's recommendation because of poor weather. It was learned tonight.

The Pope is 71 and has been unwell since his recent fall.—Reuter.

More Big Stick Waving In Washington

Washington, Mar. 31.
Representative Fred L. Crawford told the House Foreign Affairs Committee today that the United States must force Russia to disarm under the threat of atomic bombs "even if this means war."

Crawford testifying at a public hearing on the \$400,000,000 Greek-Turkish aid programme urged the United States to force world disarmament and use its atomic bombs "without compunction wherever our orders are defied."

Representative Robert A. Chipmunk asked how the United States could ask a country like Russia to disarm when faced with a threat from Russia. "We should start with Russia, not Greece. We should take our spokesmen and ask them to get the United States out of Stalin's Moscow and Washington. We should tell them to show their stomachs right up against these gentlemen physically and tell them either to disarm or we will proceed. We should tell them that you either proceed while we hold them (atomic bombs and economic and military resources) in suspense or we will use them."

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Readers' Letters

Debating Society

Sir,—Readers may have noticed recently the report of the second meeting of the Hong Kong Debating Society on the legalization of euthanasia. The attendance and enthusiasm at the meeting was indeed encouraging and goes to show, I think, that there is at the present time much scope for literary activity in Hong Kong.

The Debating Society is another offshoot of that noble root, the Forces Education Centre which is probably better known by its other societies such as the Sino-British Club, and the Stage Club. Formerly restricted debates were held at St. Joseph's College, Kennedy Road, but they became defunct owing to lack of support and when it was decided to revive the society a more centrally situated meeting place was thought advisable and the NAAFI Club, Kowloon (old YMCA) was chosen. Opening the debates to the general public has so far proved to be very successful. It is hoped that the main part of the support will come from civilian sources and suggestions, particularly as to the motions of future debates, will be a great help in keeping the society active, and I would be very glad to receive any correspondence on this matter.

The revival of the society has been very largely due to the enterprise of Lt. Honour of the 27th Fd. Bty., formerly secretary to the Oxford Union.

Owing to the shifting of the F.E.C. from Hong Kong to Whiffeld Barracks, Kowloon, the preparations for tonight's debate have been interrupted and it has been postponed for seven days. The next meeting will be on Wed., April 8 in the Kowloon Club at 8 p.m. when the motion before the House will be "In the opinion of this House capital punishment should be abolished."

JOHN WALDEN.

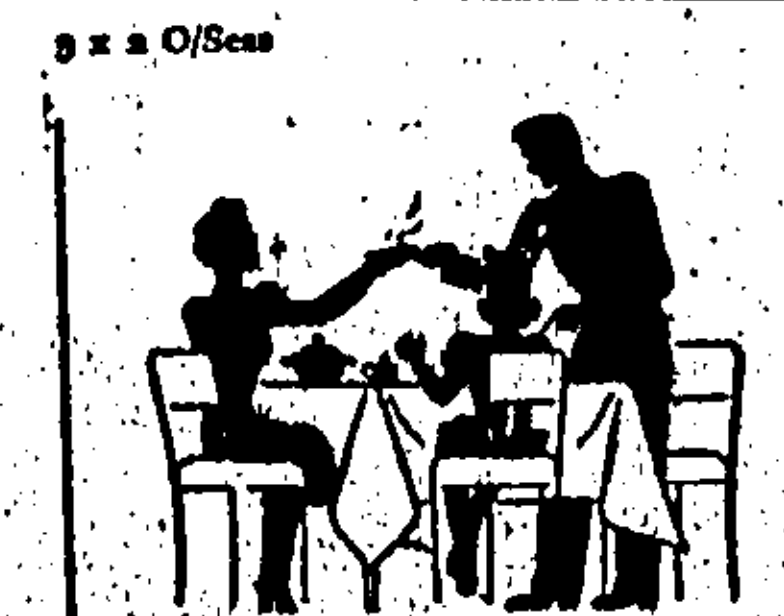
Report On H.K.

Sir,—Whoever is responsible for the "Annual Report on Hong Kong for the year 1946" is deserving of the highest praise. What might have been a collection of dry as dust reports and statistics has been put together with intelligence and a sense of imagination which to my mind is admirable. The objective report of the transformation of a moribund Colony in August, 1945, to the busy trade centre of December, 1946, is all the more impressive because it shows so unmistakably that it was the result of effort on the part of every section of the community. The querulous note of so many letters appearing in your columns on the question of civilians and services or British and Chinese should be silenced by this tribute to the part played by everyone, in uniform or out, in putting the Colony on its feet again.

I have seen no review of the book so far but I hope the widest publicity will be given to it. I propose to send copies to various overseas connections and I suggest that other business people might do the same. Certainly every administrative officer of the Colonial Office ought to have a copy.

The book is well produced and the photographs are a joy to behold. Hedda Morrison, whoever she is, has given us views which none but an artist could depict. The one facing page 96 of the centre of the city reveals a beauty to which most of us have been blind.

F. S. C.
A review appeared in the "China Mail" last week.—Ed.



Flavour of the favour of meat, open to appetite, friend to digestion—its best again in full supply, the greatest you will remember!

Colman's Mustard

Failure to provide adequate medical attention, medicine, drugs and suitable diet to British and Chinese prisoners at Stanley who were patients at the Stanley Gaol Hospital between October, 1942, and August 15, 1945, is charged against Lieut. (Dr.) Sato Choichi, medical officer in charge of the hospital, whose trial before No. 7 War Crimes Court commenced yesterday.

Evidence was given by Mr. Edward Streetfield of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, that while accused visited Stanley Gaol Hospital when he was lying there ill with fever, he did not appear to be taking ill or more patients to anything more than a visual examination and the only attempt to diagnose his illness, if it could be called such, was by a medical orderly, who he did not think would be qualified to make such a diagnosis.

As far as he knew, Mr. Streetfield said, Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, who was suffering from an outbreak of boils and fever while detained at Stanley Gaol, was never examined by a doctor during the whole period between his taking ill and his death. He understood that an application by Dr. Talbot for permission to work at the prison hospital was turned down. He was not in a position to say, witness stated, if Mr. D. C. Edmondston, who was also then detained at Stanley Gaol, but with whom he had slight contact, was attended to by a doctor.

The case is being heard by a Court comprising Lieut.-Col. N. G. Wall, of the Intelligence Corps (President), Major A. Clayworth, R.A.C., and Capt. R. H. Goring, King's Royal Rifle Corps. Major R. C. Lal is the Prosecution Officer, while the defence is being conducted by Mr. Hargreaves Yule, with Capt. J. S. Whitcomb as Advisory Officer.

Warder's Story
In his opening address, Major Lal said that the offence charged against accused gained in enormity from the fact that he belonged to a profession the duties of which lay in healing and bringing succour to the sick. Evidence would be adduced to suggest that he occurred in a policy of ill-treatment of patients in Stanley Gaol Hospital that consisted of failure to provide them with medical attention, medicines, drugs and a suitable diet calculated to aid them toward recovery. The Prosecution would suggest that this amounted to premeditated neglect.

First witness called was Rehmet Khan, Chief Indian Warder at Stanley before Japanese occupation, who continued in that post under the Japanese. He said he knew accused as the prison doctor who visited the gaol about once or twice a week. There was a dispensary at the prison but he was unaware what it contained under lock and key. He had occasionally seen medicines administered to prisoners. Prisoners received two meals a day, with the exception of Japanese prisoners and British prisoners, who received three meals. He remembered two deaths among British prisoners, those of Sir Vandeleur Grayburn and Mr. Edmondston. In either case, he did not know if they were issued with medicines. He did not remember accused attending either, but he spent little time himself in the hospital. There were about 70 deaths at the hospital in the period when accused was medical officer in charge, beri-beri being the principal cause.

Mr. Edward Streetfield, next witness, said he was arrested on March 17, 1943, and taken to Stanley Gaol about April 13. He remained there until December the same year.

Among other prisoners at the Gaol at the time were Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Dr. Talbot, Messrs. Faure, Morrison, Fay, Blimead, and Edmondston, though he was not in close contact with the latter.

While at the Gaol, he developed fever and spent three days at the hospital. To the best of his belief, accused visited the hospital once—while he was there.

"I would not say he examined me," Mr. Streetfield said. "He inquired of the Indian orderly, who said that I had a fever. He did not give me any medicine. I did receive a dose of some medicine but cannot say what it consisted of. It was probably Aspirin. It was prescribed, I think, by the Medical Orderly. No attempt was made to diagnose what the fever was other than by the Medical Orderly who, I do not think, was qualified to do it. The ward was very overcrowded, with about 20 patients in it. Incoming patients, as far as I could see, took over the blankets of the outgoing patients."

Sir Vandeleur
"We were fed with rice or rice congee in quantities, I believe, two-thirds of that received by the ordinary prisoners. This seemed to be with the idea of discouraging people from being sick. As far as I could see there was no segregation of prisoners with communicable diseases. Visits of the medical officer, I think, must have been infrequent because my fellow prisoners expressed surprise that I did actually see him."

"Sir Vandeleur Grayburn entered Stanley Prison in fair, though not in good health, having spent some time earlier at the Happy Valley General Hospital. He remained there until August 23, when he died, though I am not sure in what exact date. I am not qualified to say what Sir Van-

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Proposal to Change a Ship's Name

I, Stuart Taylor Williamson of Hong Kong hereby give notice that being desirous of co-ordinating nomenclature I have applied to the Minister of Transport under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of my ship "EMPIRE GAZELLE" of Hong Kong Official Number 168209 of Gross tonnage 4828 tons Register tonnage 2989, heretofore owned by me for permission to change her name to "INCHMAY" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by me.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

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NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF Thomas Frederick Hoigh late of Alwyns Nursing Home, Dawlish, in the County of Devon, England, Auctioneer, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probate Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 23rd day of April, 1947.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby requested to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 28th day of March, 1947.

WILKINSON & GRIFFITHS Solicitors for the Administrators of the estate of the above deceased. No. 10 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

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BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Capital, Stock, Authorised and Issued (There is under the Charter a reserve liability of the Stockholders equal to the amount of Stock Issued).	3,000,000 0 0	Cash in Hand and at Bankers	19,723,243 0 0
Reserve Fund	3,000,000 0 0	Government and Other Securities	66,135,009 0 8
Notes in Circulation	2,402,748 5 7	Hongkong Government Certificates of Indebtedness for Surrendered Coin and Cash Lodged against Note Issue	£1,000,200 18 0
Current and Other Accounts, including provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts and Contingencies and Exchange Adjustments	90,026,721 15 10	Securities Lodged against Note Issue	913,549 8 0
Fixed Deposits	7,044,020 1 3	Allahabad Bank Ltd.—37,648 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 100 each, of which 14,005 are fully paid and 22,988 are paid up to the extent of Rs. 50 per share, at cost	747,705 1 10
Bills Payable	1,721,540 19 7	Bills of Exchange, including Foreign Treasury Bills	3,136,334 10 3
Acceptances, including Undertakings to accept, on Account of Customers	2,961,311 18 5	Advances to Customers and Other Accounts	29,500,760 18 0
Loans Payable	675,000 0 0	Liability of Customers for Acceptances, including Undertakings to accept, on Contra Bank Premises and Furniture at the Head Office and Branches	2,061,311 18 5
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 24th April, 1947 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the period 1st September 1946 to 31st December 1946 and for the election of Directors and appointment of Auditors.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 24th April, 1947, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON General Managers.

Hong Kong, 31st March, 1947.

POLICE NOTICE

Applications from suitable candidates to fill a limited number of vacancies in the local Inspectorate of the Hong Kong Police Force are called for. Intending candidates should possess the following qualifications:—

They must be of robust physique. An aptitude for games will be considered an advantage.

Age — Not over 25.
Minimum Height — 5' 6"
Minimum Weight — 130 pounds.
Minimum (unexpanded) chest — 32".
Good eyesight without glasses.

They must have passed the matriculation examination or have reached an equivalent standard of education.

They should be able to speak both English and Chinese fluently and a knowledge of other languages or dialects will be considered an advantage.

Applicants should apply with references of good character in person to the Chief Inspector, Police Headquarters, Oriental Building, Connaught Road, Central as soon as possible.

(Sd.) D. W. MACINTOSH, Commissioner of Police.

Hong Kong, 27th March, 1947.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

The Dividend for the year ending 31st December, 1946, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling at exchange 1/2.27/32 is payable on and after the 28th March, 1947, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

A. MORSE, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 28th March, 1947.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

PROPOSED ISSUE OF NEW SHARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT it is the present intention of the Board of Directors of the above Company in accordance with the terms of the Special Resolution passed on the 26th day of May, 1923, to offer as soon as possible after the 21st day of April, 1947, 100,000 new shares of the nominal value of £25.00 each being the present unissued capital of the Company (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of three shares held by them respectively) to the persons who on the 21st day of April, 1947, are registered in the Company's share register as the holders of the 300,000 issued shares in the capital of the Company at a premium of £25.00 per share and so that on the acceptance of the offer the nominal amount due in respect of each new share plus the said premium of £25.00 per share (making £50.00 per share) shall be payable in full.

The offer will be made by Notice sent by post to each shareholder specifying the number of shares to which the shareholder is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted either on behalf of such shareholder or his nominee will be deemed to be declined.

The offer of new shares to shareholders whose registered address is in the Far East must be accepted on or before the 30th day of June, 1947, and the offer to shareholders registered as resident elsewhere must be accepted on or before the 30th day of September, 1947, and such new shares when allotted will rank for dividend as on and from the 1st day of July, 1947, and the 1st day of October, 1947, respectively.

Any of the shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid shall be disposed of in such manner and at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

No shareholder shall be entitled to claim for a fraction of an additional share in respect of any odd issued share held by him.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

B. C. FIELD Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th March, 1947.

BANK HOLIDAYS

The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 4th, 5th and 7th April, 1947. (Easter Holidays).

Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1947.

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N.E.I. PACT

It is easy to share the satisfaction expressed in the House of Commons on Monday with the signature of the agreement signed between the Dutch and Indonesian authorities, ending nineteen months of feud. The signature does not mean the immediate termination of state. The long, drawn-out and bitter struggle since V-J Day is almost bound to leave behind pockets of recalcitrance which either the Dutch or the Indonesians themselves will have to bring under effective control. There is, however, ground for hoping that the agreement will pave the way to a new understanding, which will permit the avoidance of serious incidents. A spirit of cooperation is essential to the success of the experiment, and assuming that it is forthcoming from both sides, Indonesia should be in a position to resume her important role in the balancing of world economy.

During three and a half centuries, the Dutch brought the benefits of a progressive civilization, the maintenance of law and order, and improved methods of agriculture, commerce and industry to Indonesia, and the Indonesians tried to realize that they owe much to a long succession of Dutch colonists who have taught them many things of value. At the same time their aspirations to freedom to conduct their domestic affairs on their own lines, required to be satisfied and this is what is planned for the future. Provision is made for the *de facto* continuation of a Republic comprising Java, Sumatra and Madura, and the federation by June, 1949, of a United States of Indonesia, which will enter into union with the Netherlands under the Dutch Crown. The agreement will probably not be altogether easy of application and it will require a spirit of cooperation and good-will to make things work satisfactorily. Talks between the Dutch Commission-General and the Indonesian delegation in Batavia are now being resumed and one of the first points to be dealt with is the installation of a Joint Secretariat. The leader of the Islamic Party, which is the largest of the Indonesian political organisations, which opposed the signing of the agreement, claims that the signing took place before the solution of "important military problems." Communist leader Soedjono, who was in Australia during the Pacific War, stresses the importance to Indonesians of getting on now with national reconstruction, but warns of the possibility of an occurrence of "undesired events" which might yet force them to take up arms in self-defence. The first part of this advice may be commended and it is to be hoped that there will be no occasion for any serious consideration of the second. The present situation demands the biggest effort should be in the economic field and fishing in troubled waters by political extremists can only have the effect of halting the progress of the Dutch-Indonesian agreement incidentally owes much to the influence and skill in negotiation of Lord Killearn, the British Special Commissioner in Southeast Asia, and it is a tribute to his efforts that the Dutch and Indonesian delegations, after the actual signing of the agreement, combined to send him a long and expressive thank and appreciation. Both Britain and the United States are keenly interested in an amicable working settlement in the East Indies and look forward to an expansion of trade and commerce which will infuse fresh life into the Orient as a whole.

NOT AT FAULT

London, Mar. 31.—Mr. Tom Williams, Minister of Agriculture, today assured the House of Commons that the Argentine thinned meat was not the cause of Britain's heavy attack of foot and mouth disease this winter because, he said, the "cunning process killed the virus."

Reports of evidence given by one of my officers may have conveyed a misleading impression. No apprehension need be felt regarding Argentine thinned meat. —United Press.

The Widest Open "Secret" Meeting Ever Held

The New Diplomacy At Moscow Conference

The current Big Four Moscow Conference is probably the most wide open secret meeting of its kind ever held. Everything that has happened behind the guarded doors of the conference room has become public property.

This is accomplished by a curious process of relay reporting at which the Russians have become as expert as the British, Americans and French.

In some respects, the Russians are doing a better job than the western inventors of the system. The system was devised at Paris a year ago during the talks of the treaty talks. Its purpose was to get around the Russian demands for secrecy.

Its result has been to roll back the velvet curtain from every-thing the Council does. This victory for open diplomacy is also a great propaganda success. It is making the Council a golden bowl, which the world watches.

The Russians exceed all others in making capital of this fact. Foreign Commissioner V. M. Molotov, in his articles, statements of U.S. Secretary Marshall, the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister, Georges Bidault, even only intended for the ears of the German people.

Written Down

General Marshall has limited virtually everything he says to statements written out or put in

note form in advance. He has not said whether this is done with a view to public relation or simply a cautious desire for accuracy.

It has resulted in lots of Marshall's comments being made available in full, as if they were public speeches.

The basic reporting system is the same here as followed in New York or Paris.

It goes back to the first conference in London in the fall of 1945. At that time, then the United States Secretary of State James F. Byrnes promised Molotov he would not talk. He kept his word.

The Ministers were supposed to issue a joint communiqué. But they could never agree on their any more than anything else. The result was a controversy over secrecy and confusion over issues. Mr. Byrnes decided not to let it happen. At Paris he evolved a chain reporting system.

After each Moscow session, the press officers for the three western delegations hurry back to the Moskov Hotel. There they meet waiting correspondents.

Raymond Offroy, M. Bidault's press officer, meets French re-

By JOHN HIGHTOWER

ports in 9th floor corner suite, overlooking the American Embassy and apices of the nearby Kremlin.

Britain's Nigel Gaydon and W. Riddale meet British and other reporters in a 5th floor bedroom parlour.

Michael McDermott, Marshall's press man, meets American newsmen in a 4th floor suite, looking out at the building of the Soviet Council of Ministers.

Briefing is done by Charles E. Bohlen, Marshall's Russian interpreter and adviser on Russian affairs.

Offroy, Gaydon, McDermott and Bohlen tell everything of consequence that happened at the meeting. Also such detail as they can remember.

Workable Plan

This has proved a workable substitute for having the press present at Council meetings. So far there is no evidence of the holding back of information or any deliberate distortion.

Moreover, the information each gives is constantly cross-checked with that of the others and with the Russian delegation.

The Russians now give fast and usually comprehensive reports of each session to both their radio and the press.

They excel all western delegations in laying down lengthy quotations from all Ministers. They also were the first to throw full publicity on committee meetings.

This forced the Americans to arrange a coverage of the German and Austrian deputies and to try to get something out on the coordinating committee.

Therefore, in some instances, such as applying quotations and information from secret committee meetings, the Russians have done a better job than the western press officers. —Associated Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

RAPID CARD READING

Reading the distribution of an opponent's hand is sometimes a gradual process, as the length of first one suit and then another becomes known. There are rare occasions on which the distribution is completely delineated by the bidding and the opening lead, and sometimes the play of all concerned on a single trick can tell a lot of facts about the line-up. A player who can do the possible counting on such occasions has a big advantage over one who neglects that phase of his task.

S. A 10 3
H. A K 8 6
D. A 8 7 4 2
C. Q

S. 6
H. J 10 5
D. J 3
C. A 6 5

N
W E
S

S. J 7 4 2
H. Q 9 7 2
D. None
C. K J 9 8 7

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)

North East South West
1 H 2 D 2 H 3 C
3 H 3 S 4 H Dbl

West's double is understandable, after hearing his partner's overalls in two suits, especially since they were in "reverse" order, with his higher-ranking spades second. West, with five trumps, hunched against his opponents and an ace to boot, looked forward to a nice penalty score. But, oh, how he was disappointed.

East led the 10 of his partner's clubs, the A winning and

the J being sent back promptly. What West hoped for this is hard to imagine. He should have realized North had four trumps for his original heart bid and therefore East could not have any. North put a spade on it and, when East discarded a diamond, the club 8 won the trick. North now had from one trick, a complete count of both clubs and hearts, as East surely would have ruffed if he could.

With six clubs placed with West originally and five hearts, North ran the dummy's 10th club, discarding his spade 10 and two diamonds. Then he scored the spade A and a diamond. A. Knowing just what West had left, he ruffed a diamond with the heart Q and led the spade 2. West ruffed with the heart J, and the A over-ruffed. Now a diamond was second and last trick. The heart 4 return was won by the 6 and the heart K and 8 got the last two tricks.

After seven years of bare-headed fashions, hats are being put on again in London.

Spring hat styles are gay, crisper and more complicated than ever. Milliners, forecasting shorter hair this year, have made their models to fit a small neat head. There will be less hair but more hat.

Hats are larger and they are creations, worked, blocked and ornately trimmed.

Milliners have a little more material to work with this year, and they are making good use of it. Of course they have to do as well as they can with any decorations they can obtain. Gold bullion ornaments—which rajahs give each other as gifts—will be seen in different guise on a number of the smartest hats next spring.

Black passementerie sewn in to plish, off-the-face hats is very effective. Veiling, often coming from the back and tied under the chin, is much used. Since until this year it has been reserved exclusively for export, it is likely to be very popular.

Straw and felt are often mixed with good effect. In the British climate, often colder in summer than in winter, this solves the problem of buying a summer hat which will look cool in sunshine and not ridiculous on a rainy day.

Very Edwardian

A white felt bonnet, very Edwardian, worn just as our grandmothers did, looked well with the new, naughty-nineties style afternoon dresses and was a feature of one show.

Another modiste showed a candy pink ribbon hat, with a definite Dutch bonnet influence. High-crowned highwayman hats with ostrich feathers down the back were featured by another house.

One woman caused a sensation in the smart Savoy (Gill) recently with a hat made from a Paisley scarf of soft green tones. She also has been seen wearing a small cap like a schoolboy's fashioned from a plaid. Mrs. Winston Churchill changes her hats to point up her classic suits and ties them with a bow in front.

There also has been a return of hoods, at least on raincoats. Few women can afford to chance ruining a hat in the English rain when it costs at least 20 (HK\$48) to remodel the simplest of them.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. K Q 8
H. A Q J 10 7 3
D. Q J 10
C. 4

S. A 9 7 2
H. 8 6 5
D. K 9 4 2
C. 10 8

N
W E
S

S. J
H. K 4
D. 8 5
C. A K Q J 10 5 3 2

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)

What is South's best opening bid on his freak hand?

Students Petition To King

London, Mar. 31.—Six thousand five hundred students from 53 British colleges and universities have signed and presented a petition today at Buckingham Palace for dispatch to the King in South Africa.

Organized by the Student Labour Federation, the petition also carries the names of Miss Mary Atlee, sister of the Prime Minister, Bishop Karney and Professor Lindset Hagien, formerly of the University of Cape Town.

Addressed to the King, the petition says: "Your Dominion Government of the Union of South Africa allows and encourages a policy of racial discrimination within its territory by strictly enforcing unequal educational provision for the

white and non-European populations and especially the operation of a colour bar in the major universities and colleges.

"Secondly, disfranchisement of a great majority of the non-European population and provision that the remainder may only be represented in Parliament by white members."

The petition then concludes: "Your petitioners, therefore, most humbly pray that Your Majesty should publicly proclaim on the occasion of your visit to South Africa that such discrimination and injustice is not in accordance with your desire for freedom and equal rights for all your subjects, white or black."

Recently, Miss Atlee, who spent 17 years in the Union, congratulated the Student Labour Federation for the initiative it had taken.

Miss Atlee is addressing a joint meeting of the Royal Empire Society and the Royal African Society on April 30 on "Coloured People of South Africa." —Reuter.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Henry and I agreed that he could lay down the law as often as he liked, provided he respect all my amendments."

Riding With The King In South Africa

Royal Train, S. A., Mar. 31.

Two powerful steam engines, with a third engine behind, pulled a gleaming cream train along curving narrow-gauge rails winding through hilly bronze country in South Africa.

That is the way the British Royal Family is being transported over a great deal of the 10,000-mile trek throughout South Africa. The Royal

two Princesses. The lounge is panelled in finely figured English walnut and the furniture includes comfortable easy chairs, small tables and a radio-phonograph.

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RECIPE FOR GERMANY

Mr. Bevin's Plan For Moscow Conference

"Constructive And Comprehensive"

Moscow, Mar. 31.
The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, today singled out revision of German industry and delivery of reparations as priority items upon which the Council of Foreign Ministers should aim at reaching agreement before leaving Moscow.

If the Ministers succeeded in solving these two problems he said it would make it much easier to solve the remainder the next time they met.

Mr. Bevin laid a document headed "The future treatment of Germany" before the Council.

It stated the main task of the controlling powers was:

1. To establish political conditions which will secure the world against any German revision to dictatorship and any revival of German aggressive policy.

2. To establish economic conditions which will enable Germany to make good the damage done by the war, and without re-establishing the economic foundations of an aggressive policy.

3. To establish constitutional machinery in Germany which will ensure these ends and which will be acceptable to the German people.

The document went on to state the principles for guidance during the second phase of the initial control period.

Two Chambers
Embodiment earlier statements by Mr. Bevin, today's document proposed that the future Government of Germany should consist of a president and two chambers, one representing the nation as a whole and the other a separate Laender.

Both chambers should be elected at intervals of not longer than five years and the President should hold office for not more than five years. The chamber representing the Laender shall have the powers of absolute veto on international treaties and constitutional matters and suspensory veto on other legislation.

The document proposes that a Supreme Court shall be established to safeguard the constitution and determine questions of dispute between any two Governments.

Second Phase
During the second phase of the initial control period the controlling power will aim to effect such restorations of German economy as may be necessary to enable Germany to pay for essential imports from the proceeds of exports without external assistance.

Balanced Economy

Until Germany has attained a balanced economy and the sums advanced by the controlling powers to finance imports have been repaid "Germany shall not be called upon to make any reparations deliveries from current production stocks," the document declares.

The British Foreign Secretary described the document as a "constructive and comprehensive plan" for the second stage of the initial control period.

The United States want economic unity because they did not want to see Germany partitioned, General Marshall said. The permanent partition of Germany is dangerous to the peace of Europe and of the world.

French View

The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, defended France's desire to take the question of coal and of the economic future of the Saar with the decision on economic unity. M. Bidault examined the possibility of taking reparations from current production in the light of consideration relating to the level of industry. He asked for a re-examination of

"NONSENSE"

New Delhi, Apr. 1.
Pandit Nehru described as "fantastic nonsense" reports published in London that the Congress Party had offered to turn India into a British Dominion for a trial period, if an independent Government was established immediately.—United Press.

this question but did not unduly press France's demand for reparations from current production. He was more concerned with the question of coal deliveries.

General Marshall said he regretted that Russia found it necessary to take reparations from current production and add conditions to her acceptance of the principles of economic unity. The Potsdam agreement did not contain any such conditions.—Reuter.

Blunt Speech

Moscow, Apr. 1.
Mr. Secretary Marshall attacked Russia's uncompromising stand on German reparations today and warned that the United States opposes policies "which will continue with Germany as a congested slum."

In his bluntest speech to the Council of Foreign Ministers, Marshall said the four powers could never reach agreement "on the basis of ultimatum."

He added that the United States "categorically rejects" the Russian stand that "the acceptance of reparations from current production is an absolute condition of economic unity."

M. Molotov, whose proposals were also attacked by Mr. Bevin, made no concessions on reparations but expressed a hope that the differences among the powers could be reconciled.

In referring to the Potsdam agreement and the discussion here on reparations, Marshall told Molotov, "it looks very much to us as though the Soviet Union is trying to sell the same horse twice."—Associated Press.

Scientist Gets His Promotion

London, Mar. 31.
The British civil servant scientist whose promotion to a permanent appointment was cancelled on orders from MI-5—the Security Branch of the British War Office Military Intelligence Department—has been informed he will be promoted after all, the Institution of Professional Civil Servants said today.

It was alleged by them last week that this man's promotion had been nullified because he was a Communist and that other servants at the same time had been notified that their services were no longer required in other Government departments.

The Institution refused to say who had given the latest information but it is believed to be the Government Treasury Department.

The Institution said there had never been any suggestion that any of the scientists—all members of the Communist Party—had been guilty of improper action.

Mr. Harry Pollitt, Secretary of the British Communist Party said this afternoon, "We were expecting this reversal of the decision. The Government has taken an unwise step and we think the whole thing should be forgotten as quickly as possible."—Reuter.

Pension Claim Appeal Allowed

London, Mar. 31.
An appeal was allowed by the Pensioners Appeal Tribunal in London today when the first of three test cases which may have a far-reaching effect on war pensions was heard. The claims are for death or disablement due to diseases the origin of which is obscure or unknown.

In the High Court the judge set aside the decision of the Appeals Tribunal and directed that they should be re-heard.

Mrs. M. C. Walters, of Northampton, appealed against the original decision of the Pensioners Tribunal in Birmingham in July, 1946, rejecting her claim for pension following her husband's death from coronary thrombosis in 1945 after four and a half years' service as a private in the army.

Representing Mrs. Walters, Mr. G. H. Crispin said that Mr. Justice Denning asked that the tribunal's decision be referred back to the High Court.

He said that Walters was medically graded A3 on enlistment in 1941. In 1945, after being in hospital for six days with ear trouble, he was found dead in bed.

A post mortem revealed that death was due to coronary thrombosis and his heart was twice the normal size.

Army medical authorities contended that death was not due to war service.

Mr. Crispin quoted medical opinions that it was not possible to determine when the disease began, or whether the work Walters was employed on in the army accelerated it.

The chairman said that the tribunal did not propose to give the reasons for its decisions at the moment. A full statement would be issued later.—Reuter.

Peiping Tragedy

Peiping, Mar. 31.
Three Chinese children were killed and three sent to hospital this afternoon as a result of the explosion of what was believed to be a dud shell in the eastern hills of the artillery range, near Peiping, which the United States Marines were using for target practice.

The accident occurred amid a group of 10 or 12 young boys playing 10 yards from the Marine platoon which had ceased target practice 30 minutes previously. A court of inquiry will be formed tomorrow.—United Press.

Palestine Question For UNO

London, Mar. 31.
Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British delegate to the United Nations, has been authorised to submit the Palestine question formally to the United Nations Organisation.

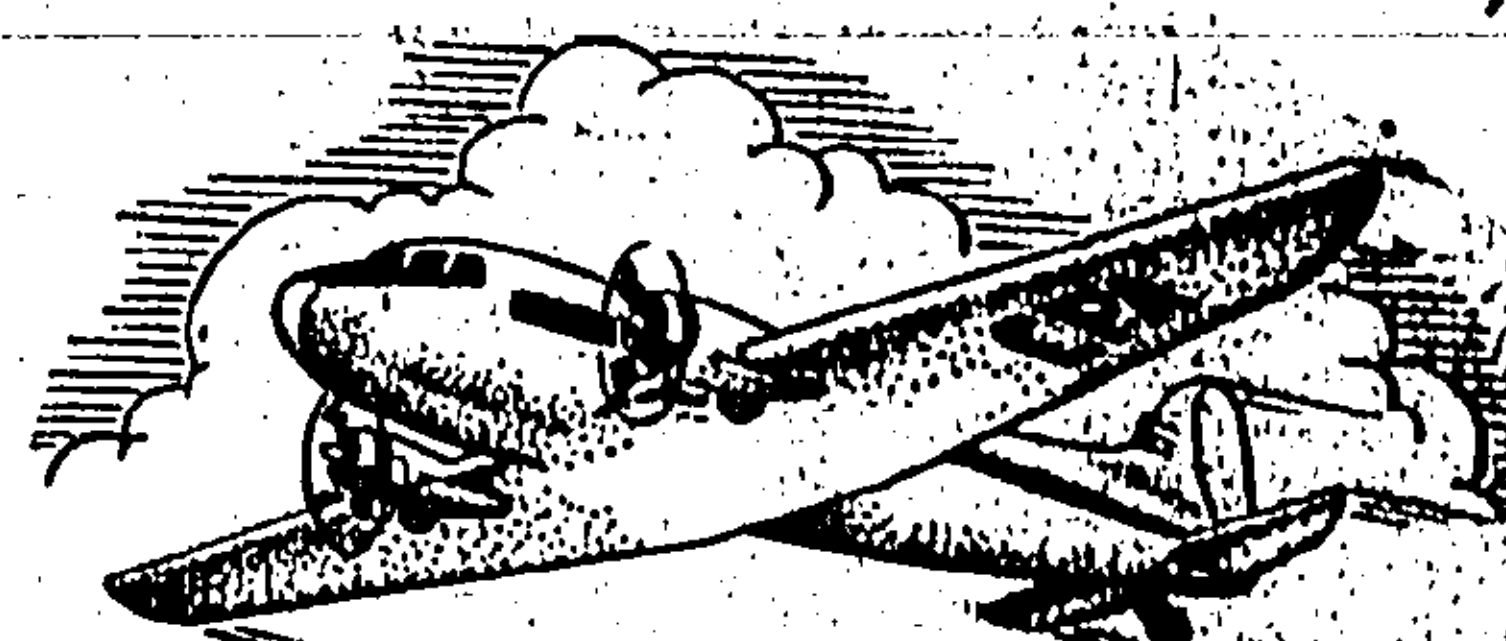
While it is known that the United States Government has already expressed its approval of the latest proposal submitted by the United Nations secretariat—that a special session of the General Assembly should be held to conduct the preliminary discussion on the Palestine question—no replies are yet known to have been received from France, Soviet Russia or China.

As far as is known no opposition is expected from any of the Big Powers to the holding of a special session. It is assumed that the task of the special assembly would be to carry out preparatory work preliminary to fuller discussion of Palestine at the normal session of the General Assembly next September.

It is considered possible that the special assembly might set up a committee to carry out further preparatory activities in connection with Palestine during the interim period between the special assembly and the normal assembly.—Reuter.

CAIRO SCENE

Cairo, Apr. 1.
At an official ceremony attended by high-ranking Egyptian army officers, King Farouk on Monday unveiled the Egyptian flag over Kasr El Nil Barracks, which had been occupied by the British army since 1882.—Associated Press.



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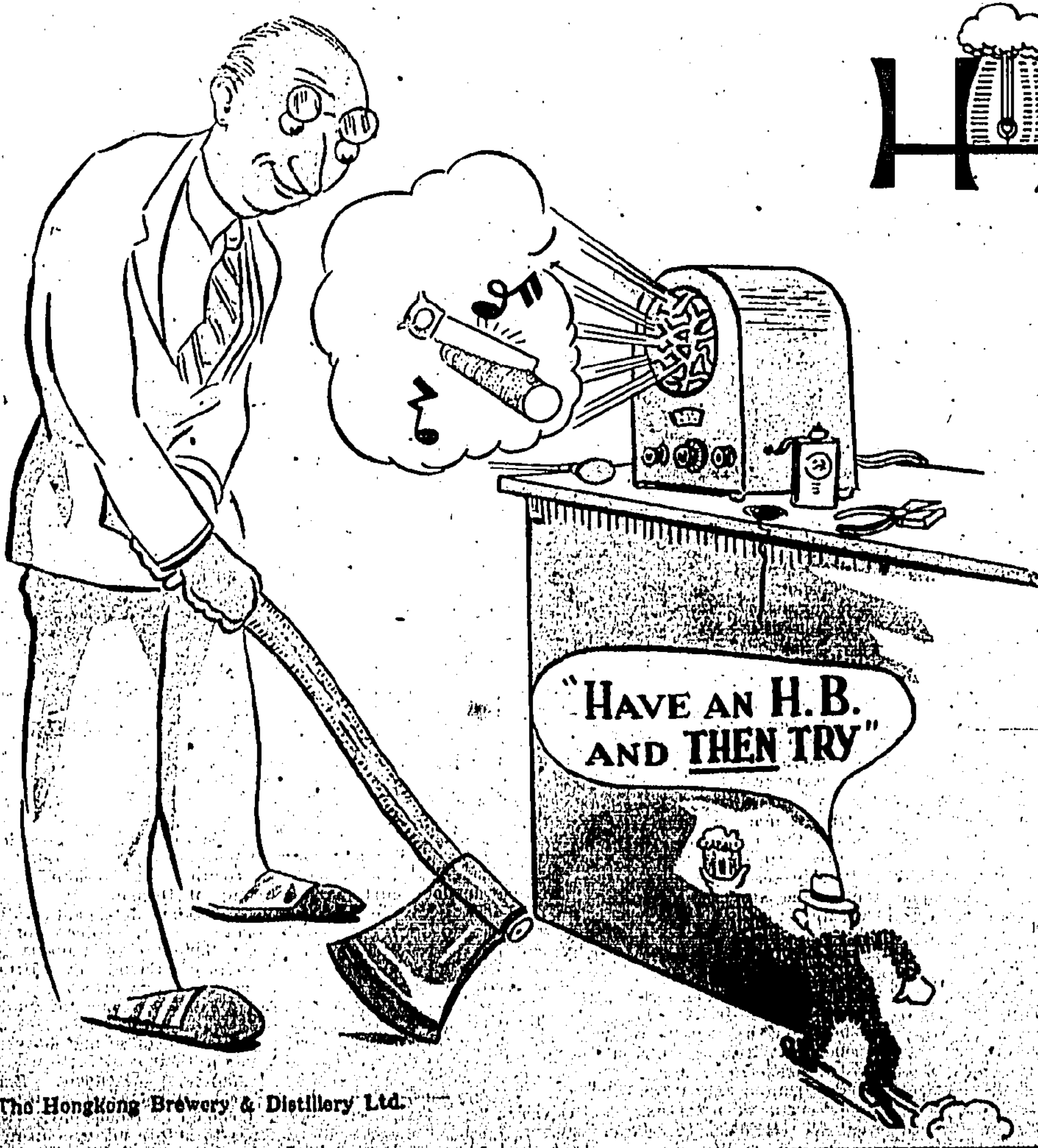
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Treaty Revision Discussion

London, Mar. 31. Sources close to the Foreign Office expect full-dress negotiations for revision of the Anglo-Soviet treaty of alliance to start this week in Moscow.

So far only preliminary talks between experts of either side have taken place.

Despite the heavy going in Moscow in the German question Whitehall sources are hopeful that at least the broad outlines of a new Anglo-Soviet treaty of alliance will be agreed in Moscow before Mr. Bevin's return.

Mr. Bevin favours that the revised treaty be drawn up on the lines of the recently concluded Anglo-French treaty for a period of 50 years.

British reports from Moscow today suggest that among Soviet demands on which revision of alliance is to be made conditional is the termination of the Anglo-American Joint Chief of Staff organization—United Press.

New York, Apr. 1. Official price of foreign silver increased 1.5 cents to 75.5 cents an ounce. London also raised price 1.5 pence to 46 pence (74 cents).—Associated Press.

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Husband's Claim Rejected

London, Apr. 1. today that a wife's refusal to live a "normal married life" did not constitute sufficient grounds for her husband to obtain a divorce.

Their Lordships—Britain's highest court of appeal—rejected a suit brought before them by a husband who sought divorce after his wife informed him she was willing to continue their social but not their marital relationships.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Jowitt, ruled that once a marriage had been consummated, a wife's further refusal of sexual intercourse with her husband did not constitute desertion.

He warned that to consider such refusal as desertion might make it necessary for the courts to decide whether it was not also desertion "if intercourse was only tolerated on rare and exceptional occasions."

The Lord Chancellor, with Lords Wright, Simonds, Uthwatt and Normand concurring, rejected the appeal brought before them on behalf of Frederick Raymond Weatherley, whose counsel argued that the wife's refusal went to the fundamental purpose of marriage.

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Marsman Given Contract

Manila, Apr. 1. Marsman and Company, a locally owned investment firm, specializing in engineering projects announced today that the Board of Supplies of the Chinese Executive Yuan had appointed it for one year as representative and sales agent for half a billion dollars worth of surplus property scattered through the Pacific.

This property was recently given to China by the United States.

The surplus is located on Okinawa, Guam, Salpan, Tientsin, Eniwetok, Marcus, Kwajalein, Losnegros, Ulithi, Majuro, Makin, Manus, Peleliu, Iwojima, Wake, Roi and Finislaufen.—Associated Press.



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WAGES UP WHILE HOURS ARE CUT

London, Apr. 1.

Wages went up and hours went down for hundreds of thousands of British workmen last year, the Minister of Labour reported Monday.

The weekly full-time wages of 530,000 workers increased £101,000 as a result of new pay scales.

An average reduction of nearly three hours a week was recorded at the same time for about 1,650,000 workers.

The Ministry said that in addition to the workers who got actual increases in their pay-checks, others realized a gain through having their work time reduced without effect on their total wages.

Principal wage increases were registered in iron and steel and tobacco manufacture, bakeries, rubber manufacture, waterworks, glass contained factories, flour mills and wholesale grocery and provisions distribution companies.

Hours were reduced chiefly in the engineering and allied industries, where the normal week was cut from 47 to 44 hours.—Associated Press.

SYDNEY SHIP BLAZE

Sydney, Apr. 31.

Hundreds of bales of cotton were destroyed when fire broke out last night on the freighter *Fordale* (11,053 tons) which arrived in Sydney harbour from Britain yesterday.

Firemen pumped 20,000 gallons of water into the ship before the fire was extinguished.—Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Apr. 1.

The stock market closed most of the session but late selling depressed the market fractions to upward for the day. A few plus points remained at the close. Losses included Air Reduction, Santa Fe and Dow Chemical.

Transfers were around 700,000 shares. Closing quotations: American 5 1/2, American Telephone 15 1/2, American Tobacco 7 1/2, American Waterworks 17, Atlantic Coast 20, Aviation 17, General Electric 22 1/2, General Motors 23 1/2, International Harvester 18 1/2, International Paper 17 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 14 1/2, J. & J. 37 1/2, Chrysler 25, Colgate 49, Commercial Solvents 23 1/2, Corn Products 20 1/2, Dupont 18 1/2, Eastman Kodak 23 1/2, Electric Light & Power 15 1/2, General Electric 22 1/2, General Motors 23 1/2, International Harvester 18 1/2, International Paper 17 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 14 1/2, J. & J. 37 1/2, Chrysler 25, Colgate 49, Commercial Solvents 23 1/2, Corn Products 20 1/2, Dupont 18 1/2, Eastman Kodak 23 1/2, Electric Light & Power 15 1/2, General Electric 22 1/2, General Motors 23 1/2, International Harvester 18 1/2, International Paper 17 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 14 1/2, J. & J. 37 1/2, Chrysler 25, Colgate 49, Commercial Solvents 23 1/2, Corn Products 20 1/2, Dupont 18 1/2, Eastman Kodak 23 1/2, Electric Light & Power 15 1/2, General Electric 22 1/2, General Motors 23 1/2, International Harvester 18 1/2, International Paper 17 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 14 1/2, J. & J. 37 1/2, Chrysler 25, Colgate 49, Commercial Solvents 23 1/2, Corn Products 20 1/2, Dupont 18 1/2, Eastman Kodak 23 1/2, Electric Light & Power 15 1/2, General Electric 22 1/2, General Motors 23 1/2, International Harvester 18 1/2, International Paper 17 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 14 1/2, J. & J. 37 1/2, Chrysler 25, Colgate 49, Commercial Solvents 23 1/2, Corn Products 20 1/2, Dupont 18 1/2, Eastman Kodak 23 1/2, Electric Light & Power 15 1/2, General Electric 22 1/2, General Motors 23 1/2, International Harvester 18 1/2, International Paper 17 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 14

